

# Town of Richmond

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## **July 12, 2021 Meeting**

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

**Public Present: Fran Heap** 

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:34 pm

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2<sup>nd</sup>; Board voted to approved the manifest dated July 12, 2021 for week of July2, 2021-July 8, 2021 in the amount of: \$13,069.23 for payroll/accounts payable.

As a member Wallace requested Harrington to research if the Town is part of the Public Works Mutual Aid for the purpose of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Letter of resignation from Douglas Bartlett as Library Trustee received with regret. Read.

Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien, submitted an updated list of dogs in civil forfeitures.

Zoning Compliance Officer, Richard Drew submitted ZCO reports for Map 411 Lot 030 and Map 409 Lot 035. Board reviewed.

Board signed letter to the Richmond Zoning Board of Adjustments stating Shannon Hogan at 580 Whipple Hill Road will need to appear before the Richmond ZBA for a proposed Special Exception.

Article 4 Residential District, under 403 Uses Permitted by Special Exception and 403.4 Home Occupations.

Board signed letter to the Richmond Zoning Board of Adjustments stating Peter J. Guertin, representative for Dorene McCobb (property owner), will need to appear before the Richmond ZBA for a proposed Variance.

Article 6: Wetland Conservation District, under 604.2(erection of a structure) more specifically 602.

Daniels signed Pistol Permit # R 699684.

Board reviewed costs incurred from selling Map 407 Lot 075 Sub 004. The invoices included but are not limited to legal invoices, postage, and advertising.

Board reviewed 2021 Budget Overview for the Highway, General Government and Executive Budgets.

Harrington advised Board of two volunteers for the Broadband Committee.

Harrington advised the Board the Parks and Recreation would like permission to cut the tree and shrubs by the Pavilion. They will replace the shrubs with new shrubs/bushes and replace the pine tree with a deciduous tree.

Harrington advised Board there is no Occupancy Permit on file for Map 409 Lot 004. The Select Board will be holding a Public Hearing/Informational Meeting on July 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in regard to the replacement of the Whipple Hill Road Bridge and Tully Brook Road Bridge that are on the NHDOT's Municipal Red List due to structural integrity. The Veteran's Memorial Hall is located at 150 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, N.H. 03470.

The Select Board will be holding a Public Hearing on July 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the Selectmen's Office in the Richmond Town Hall at 105 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, N.H. 03470. The purpose of this hearing is to inform the public that the MS-636 budget form was not posted in accordance with RSA 32:5 and RSA 39:5. Pursuit to RSA 31:5-b a Special Defect Meeting will need to be held to correct the error.

Board signed Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on August 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Selectmen's Office in the Richmond Town Hall at 105 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, N.H. 03470. The Warrant has 1 article: To see if the Town will ratify the results of the April 10,2021 annual meeting even though the posting requirements were not met.

Board discussed documents received by the Law Offices of Joseph Hoppock.

### **Appointments**

**Tax Collector, Steven Boscarino** met with the Board to submit tax deeding paperwork. There is a camper at Shir-Roy Campground that is ready to be tax deeded. Notifications were sent but were returned. Harrington to contact NHMA for procedural guidance.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to enter into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Roll Call: Bersaw(Y), Daniels (Y) and Wallace (Y). Non-Public session was entered at 5:55 pm.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to reconvene Public session. Roll call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), and Wallace (Y).

Public session was reconvened at 6:11 pm.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to seal the minutes. Roll call: Daniels(Y), Bersaw (Y), Wallace (Y).

Mary Ann Lauretti met with the Board to discuss the Richmond Talent Show hosted by the Richmond Public Library and Parks and Recreation. She would like clarification as to what can be given for prizes that does not constitute as gambling. Mary Ann also asked the Selectmen if would like to be judges. Bersaw and Daniels agreed, Wallace will get back to her. Harrington to contact NHMA and get back to Mary Ann.

**Road Agent Buddy Blood** met with the Board to provide an update on the Highway Department. Buddy requested for the Board's signature on the Allstate Contract to shim from the power lines to Rte. 32 before it can be paved. Buddy has been working on ditching Bullock Road and cutting back brush on Honey Hill Road. Street signs from Bullock Road and Sandy Pond Road have been stolen. Bersaw moved; Daniels 2<sup>nd</sup>; Board voted to go with the bid the Allstate Contract of \$87,300. Harrington will advise Road Agent.

Sheri Reynolds and Billy Hillock met with the Board to see what they can do to bring their properties back into compliance. Map 409 Lot 023-120 Whipple Hill Road and Map 410 Lot 018—158 Whipple Hill Road. The Selectmen stated everything behind the berms and fence at 120 Whipple Hill Road. Selectmen also suggested they install more fencing. Reynolds/Hillock stated they are working on the property, but will need a little more time. Billy also requested for a culvert on Whipple Hill Road to divert water from running down into his property at 120 Whipple Hill Road. Board advised the issue would be corrected when the Whipple Hill Road Bridge is replaced. Board will separately visit the property to be prepared to discuss next Monday, July 19, 2021

#### **Walk in Appointments**

Blair Heise met with the Board to discuss the tax deeding of a camper.

#### **Call in Appointments**

Land Use Assistant, Kim Mattson, called the Board to discuss two recommendations that she submitted to the Selectmen that need their denial to proceed with a Special Exception and Variance. Board signed letters. Also, asked about hearing on Bowker Road. Board advised it will be at least 60-90 days. Kim informed the Board that a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments had complaints regarding the posting of the Public Hearing for 580 Whipple Hill Road Home Occupation. Board advised to contact Attorney Hoppock to verify if posting were correct and if they are, proceed with the Public Hearing on July 14, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington